



21st February 2023

Danny Healy-Rae,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 5883/23

To ask the Minister for Health the length of time persons are on the waiting list for home help services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that have been approved for home help services but are still waiting to be allocated the service.

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services from those people with assessed needs.

Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and categorised as either waiting on Care Staff or Funding. Activity data relating to the length of time waiting is not held nationally and therefore we are not in a position to provide this information. As outlined we can provide activity by:

- Number of Clients assessed and waiting for funding for the provision of Home Support
- Number of Clients assessed and waiting for Care Staff for the provisions of Home Support.

Appendix 1 below provides the 2022 year end position at a National/CHO level for the specified waiting list categories.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Jordan
Head of Service – Home Support
Services for Older People
Community Operations

Appendix 1: Home Support Waiting List December 2022

	Funding	Carers
CHO	Total	Total
CHO 1	-	735
CHO 2	-	586
CHO 3	-	568
CHO 4	-	1,501
CHO 5	-	1,043
CHO 6	-	445
CHO 7	-	913
CHO 8	-	755
CHO 9	7	127
National Total	7	6,673